

GERMANY TO RENEW ACTIVE WARFARE IN RUSSIA

OPERATORS ARE AGAIN FEELING VERY OPTIMISTIC

Reports From Washington Are of a Most Encouraging Nature.

F. J. PATTON DUE TONIGHT

He Will Bring Reports of National Coal Assn. Directors' Meeting.

The directors of the National Coal Association held a meeting at Washington Wednesday and Thursday of this week and early advices as to the decisions regarding matters which affect the Fairmont district are most encouraging, causing coal operators and those directly interested in the progress of the mining operations in northern West Virginia to look for an early resumption of the prosperity which has been interfered with recently by the coal shortage and transportation conditions.

F. J. Patton and others connected with the interests of mining in northern West Virginia were present at this gathering of coal men. Mr. Patton is expected to return to West Virginia tonight and local coal men await his return for the particulars of the conference.

The government and the coal interests have been working in co-operation for some time and there has been careful study of the situation. Many plans have been outlined and quite a number of methods for combating undesirable conditions have been put into effect. The developments of this week are more gratifying to local coal men than anything yet accomplished and it is believed that an improvement in the local situation is due in a short time, along with an advance in the price of coal that will permit operations to continue at a fair profit.

Blue Monday in Ohio. The Monday closing order of the National Fuel Administration was suspended this week but the Fuel Administrators of the different states were permitted to continue its enforcement if in their judgment emergency demanded such action. F. F. Eubank, chairman of the coal committee of Wood county, got the report in Parkersburg that Ohio would continue the "Blue Monday" regulations and therefore wired J. Walter Barnes to find out what he was going to do regarding West Virginia. Mr. Barnes had advised the National Fuel Administration that the regulations would be suspended in West Virginia and Mr. Eubank's question was answered accordingly. In the event that Ohio continues the headless Monday order there will be stores open on the West Virginia side of the Ohio river while they will be closed on the other side.

Preston County Situation. J. Walter Barnes, Fuel Administrator of West Virginia, replied to a telegram from E. G. Townsend, who is in charge of "production" in the National Fuel Administration, advising that "for the present" all of the "thin vein" mines in Preston county be granted the same increase given a few of the mines in the eastern and southeastern portion of the county along with Mineral, Grant and Tucker counties, which are included in the Cumberland and Upper Potomac field, recently granted an increase in price. The final action in the matter is up to the National Fuel Administration which advised Mr. Barnes to the effect that "We may decide to include territory to West and southwest of our present definition without formality or requiring petition." Some of the coal operators had applied for the increase and were given it and others operating under similar conditions charged discrimination until the matter was thoroughly understood.

Coal Notes. T. M. Hall, a Charleston coal man, was arrested this week charged with violating the fuel control proclamation. He is charged with having bought a quantity of coal and later to have sold it to a purchasing agency for a higher commission than is permitted by law.

Fairmont district miners, who have visited Pennsylvania points recently, say that coal tipples along the Monongahela were seriously damaged and in some cases torn away by the ice gorges and that there is much delay in that section in resuming operations due to these causes.

J. Walter Barnes, Fuel Administrator for West Virginia, who has been in the southern part of the state on business connected with his position, is expected to return to Fairmont tonight or early in the morning.

R. A. Johnson has been at the Braxton-Pittsburgh mines for a day or so (Continued on Page Four.)

Have Pleasant Surprise For American Foe

By Associated Press.
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15.—The German newspapers, speaking of the great offensive which they say, Hindenburg is going to launch in the west, says that the army has a new poison gas of surpassing effectiveness "which is being reserved as a surprise for the Americans."

FROM THESE MEN COME FINAL QUOTA OF FIRST DRAFT

Draft Board Announces Recent Physical Examinations.

The list of those who passed the physical examination held last Monday was announced by the local draft board this morning. Of the number examined there were thirty marked up as "physically fit." All of the 50 called have not been examined as several of the men have made arrangements to be examined in other cities. Returns from their examination have not been received as yet.

From the list printed below of those that passed the physical examination, the remaining quota of the last draft will be selected. Although no definite figures have been received from Charleston, the local board estimates that 16 men will be called. In this event the first sixteen men whose names are printed below will be the men to represent this city in the final quota of the first draft.

The local board has not yet received notice of the change in the date of the departure for camp. The last official notice stated that the men would go to Camp Meade and that they would leave within a five day period beginning February 23. Notice of the change in plans is expected any day. Today cards announcing the result of the examinations are being sent out to those who took the examination at the Y. M. C. A. on Monday.

The list of those who passed the physical examination and the order in which they will be called is as follows:

- 15 Dave William Holt.
- 16 Antonio Girola.
- 17 Paul Robinson Cumpston.
- 18 Amos Carl Swisher.
- 19 William Ray Donlin.
- 20 Carl Earl Smouse.
- 21 Charles Ray Hunter.
- 22 Domenick Pishner.
- 23 Sylvester Guy Holt.
- 24 Kyle Shaw Shriver.
- 25 George R. Decker.
- 26 Curtis Edgar Amos.
- 27 Roy Francis Robert.
- 28 Edgar Sherman Meadows.
- 29 Frederick Adrain Haddock.
- 30 Gilbert Herbert Chapman.
- 31 Samuel Birdsell Brooks.
- 32 Henry Lee Lytton.
- 33 Edward Willie Donaldson.
- 34 Russell G. Francis.
- 35 James Giglio.
- 36 Mike Nately.
- 37 Olan DeWitt Fear.
- 38 Nicola Ramoncello.
- 39 Luther Chancellor Arnett, Jr.
- 40 Wesley John Payne.
- 41 Wilbur Norman Elder.
- 42 Lee Roy Shelton.
- 43 Giovanni Antonio Grannagno.
- 44 Victor Oakling Wilson.

VARIAGATED BRAND OF WEATHER HERE

Everything From a Thunderstorm to a Snow Flurry in a Few Hours.

Vagaries in the weather program were experienced in Marion county today, for during the past twelve hours the city had everything from a thunder storm to snow flurries. About 12:10 o'clock this morning a thunder storm broke over the city and a shower of rain fell. A high wind accompanied the storm and several flashes of lightning were also observed. According to the government weather reports, F. P. Hall, observer, 34 of an inch of rain fell last night.

The sun shone brightly yesterday and the mercury went up to 68 during the afternoon. This morning at 8 o'clock it had dropped to 45 and at 11:30 o'clock this morning a shower of rain fell. A high wind accompanied the storm and several flashes of lightning were also observed. According to the government weather reports, F. P. Hall, observer, 34 of an inch of rain fell last night.

SAMMIES READY FOR THE HUN TORPEDO



This photograph, taken on the deck of an American transport in the submarine infested war zone, shows the Sammies outfitted with life belts. They don't appear to be worried. How many Sammies were saved by such lifebelts on the transport Tuscania, recently sent down near the Irish coast, cannot be estimated. But in practically every sinking a share of the survivors owe their lives to the belts which enable them to keep afloat until help arrives. Lifeboats fitted with "skids" which keep them upright as they slide down the side of the ship are now being tested by the government. These "skids" double the lifeboat capacity of a vessel by making the boats on both sides of the ship available. Those on the "high" side of the tipping vessel have previously been useless.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY TO BE OBSERVED HERE

First Meeting of the Committee Will be Held Tomorrow at 1:15.

Throughout the city last evening and today there was much favorable comment upon The West Virginian's suggestion that the county have a celebration of Washington's birthday in this city next Friday evening. None was more enthusiastic in endorsing the suggestion than Mayor Bowen who appointed 1:15 o'clock tomorrow afternoon as the time for the first meeting of the committee named in the article suggesting that a celebration be held.

The Mayor suggested that the committee should be enlarged by representatives from both the Daughters of the Revolution and the Sons of the Revolution. He also suggested that T. W. Arnett as the representative of the Sons and Mrs. W. H. Conaway as representative of the Daughters.

As enlarge the committee consists of Mayor Anthony Bowen, chairman; J. Walter Barnes, representing the County Council of Defense; Mrs. Vaughn, Joffe, representing the Red Cross; Mrs. James A. Meredith, representing the Woman's club; Rev. C. E. Goodwin, representing the Ministerial union; J. M. Jacobs, representing the Chamber of Commerce; Captain Kemble White, representing Draft Board No. 1 and George W. Bowers, representing the Daughters of the Revolution. Board No. 2; T. W. Arnett, representing the Sons of the Revolution and Mrs. W. H. Conaway, representing the Daughters of the Revolution.

George A. Cochran Gets a Promotion

George A. Cochran and A. E. Reynolds, of Pittsburgh, are spending some days here in the interest of the Certified Products Corporation. Mr. Cochran who has been connected with the company for some time has just recently been made head of the sales department in the Pittsburgh office, a promotion justly earned, and one which his friends in the trade and elsewhere will be glad to hear of. Mr. Cochran went back to Pittsburgh yesterday, leaving Mr. Reynolds to continue their work here.

AIRSHIPS FIGHT SUB IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

Most Unusual Encounter Between Two New War Engines Resulted in Probable Destruction of the German Craft.

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Feb. 15.—An encounter between two French hydro aeroplanes and a German submarine in the English channel recently probably resulted in the sinking of the U-boat after it had been bombed by the planes, according to an official announcement by the French admiralty.

The aeroplanes were on patrol duty over the channel when they discovered the submarine on the surface. They attacked it after maneuvering so that the sun was at their backs. The submarine plunged but did not disappear before the aviators had succeeded in dropping several bombs near the periscope.

While one aeroplane returned to the base for more bombs the other kept watch and saw the submarine emerge after a few seconds with a list to port of 45 degrees.

After attempting to right itself the submarine again disappeared only to reappear a third time. Its instability increased and suddenly the observer saw the submarine list still further and sink so that even the periscope could not be seen.

BIRDS WERE FLYING WRONG DIRECTION

Flock of Wild Geese Reported to Have Gone South-East.

Harbingers of spring, which consisted of robins a couple weeks ago and several bright sunny days were dispelled today when one of the best stand-bys on prognostications of spring appeared—a flock of wild geese. But these birds were flying southeast. When these birds are northward bound spring is close at hand.

There were twelve wild geese in the flock according to Sheriff A. M. Glover who saw them from a window in his private office in the court house.

Mrs. Samuel H. Morris Was Buried Today

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Samuel H. Morris, whose death occurred Wednesday morning at her home on Ogden avenue were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family residence. Services were conducted by Rev. C. E. Goodwin, pastor of the First M. E. church and following the services the body was interred in Woodlawn cemetery by Undertaker Musgrave and Son. Among out of town relatives here for the funeral were William Morris and wife, of Wheeling, the former a son of the deceased.

MRS. J. L. MURPHY DIED AT AN EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING

One of City's Most Respected Women Had Been Ill Only Few Days.

Mrs. John L. Murphy, aged 74, one of the most highly respected women of this city, died at her home on Jackson street, this morning at three o'clock after an illness of several days with a complication of diseases. Mrs. Murphy had been in declining health for several years, but was not taken seriously ill until Sunday night, since which time she had been in a critical condition.

Mrs. Murphy was before her marriage Miss Agnes B. Gorman, and was born in England. She was a daughter of James Gorman, an officer in the British army. Both of her parents died in her infancy and early in life she came to America with relatives and settled in Washington, D. C., where she resided for several years, later going to Baltimore. When quite young she came to West Virginia and had resided in Fairmont for a number of years.

Mr. Murphy, the husband of the deceased, died in this city, four years ago on December 27. Five daughters survive, namely, Misses Elizabeth, Margaret Adele, Anna Regina, the latter society editor of The Times and Clara. Two sons, Joseph and John, preceded her to the grave.

Mrs. Murphy was a home woman in the truest sense of the word and she derived her chief happiness in her home surroundings where she was loved and cherished by her devoted children. Charitable, thoughtful and kind she had made a home for herself not only in the household but in the community in which she resided and her death has left a vacancy which will be hard to fill. During her entire life, and especially since her illness, she has been the object of the tenderest care and solicitude by her daughters and the blow falls heavily upon them today. Mrs. Murphy was a devoted member of St. Peter's Catholic church and was a regular attendant upon its services when her health would permit.

The funeral is announced to take place on Monday morning at nine o'clock from St. Peter's Catholic church. Requiem High Mass will be celebrated by Fathers Boulton and Eagen and following the services the body will be conveyed to Holy Cross cemetery where it will be laid to rest by Undertaker Musgrave and Son.

F. E. Murphy, a nephew, will arrive here Sunday from Baltimore to attend the obsequies.

NORTHERN PART OF RUSSIA TO BE COVERED BY ARMY

There is Even a Possibility That Petrograd May be Taken.

TROTSKY'S PLAN WONT DO

Germany Wants to Split the Former Russian Empire Up.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 15.—Germany has resolved to renew military activities against northern Russia. This decision is said to have been reached at a conference at imperial headquarters special dispatches from Holland say. The conference was attended by Emperor William, Chancellor von Ertling, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, General von Ludendorff, Foreign Secretary Kuehlmann and others.

The "no war but no peace" plans of Leon Trotsky the Bolshevik foreign minister were rejected at the conference, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express and as Trotsky does not want peace he will get war.

Invasion of Great Russia. It is added, will continue at any rate until Petrograd is occupied by German troops.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Rotterdam says that the Germans take the view that Trotsky's declaration, though it did not end the war automatically ended the armistice. The Germans now consider that they have a free hand and mean to use the opportunity. This according to correspondent does not mean necessarily that the Germans will immediately try to reach Petrograd but probably that they will support the Ukraine by force of arms.

The Germans he says are carrying on an active propaganda in the Ukraine for the purpose of suggesting to the Rada that the new state is endangered by the Bolsheviks. It is declared that this is all part of Germany's scheme for breaking up the former Russian empire with a view to extending her own power and influence over the new state of whom it is posing as protector.

VERNON CASTLE DIES IN ACCIDENT

Famous Dancer Had Made Fine Record as British Aviator.

(By Associated Press)
FORT WORTH, Texas, Feb. 15.—Captain Vernon Castle of the English royal flying corps was killed this morning while flying 15 miles west of Fort Worth.

Castle had made 150 flights over the German lines and was the hero of many exploits in the war zone. His work had been especially on the flanks front and covered a period of nine months. He came to Fort Worth last October along with Lord Wellingborough.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Vernon Castle had national reputation as dancer. His home was here. With his wife, also a graceful dancer, he attained great popularity several years ago as a teacher of modern dancing. When the war broke out both of the Castles became interested in war work. Mr. Castle took up aviation. He was granted a pilot's license by the Aero club of America Feb. 9, 1916. After having made a satisfactory record in test flights at Newport News, Va., he was born in Norwich, England, May 2, 1887. His right name was Vernon Blythe. Soon after receiving his aviator license he sailed from New York for England to join the British aerial service. In March of 1916 he was appointed a temporary lieutenant in the British royal flying corps. Shortly afterward there came a report of his death while flying in France.

ADVANCE IN PALESTINE
LONDON, Feb. 15.—The British forces in Palestine yesterday made an advance of two miles on a front of 10 miles northeast of Jerusalem, the War office announced.

Visiting in Fairmont—Mrs. Howard Hardesty, of Mannington, is a visitor in the city today. Mrs. Ruth Miller, of Chiefton, was shopping in the city today.